

ARMY GAME TESTS WANDERERS

ON a splendid sunshine and ice cream afternoon at Loakes Park on Saturday, Wycombe Wanderers bid adieu to season 1959-60 with a thrilling 2-0 Wycombe Hospital Cup victory against the British Army. The traditional end-of-season sadness was heightened by the fact that Wycombe's long serving skipper Jim Moring was playing his last game for the club before retiring.

So often the occasion for cold-blooded, nonchalant football, this Hospital Cup final bristled with activity and incident, and Wycombe had to keep at full throttle to beat a very strong, very game Army side who thoroughly merited a draw.

But for some much-needed, old-fashioned gunnery practice this young team, which included familiar rivals Corporal Bobbie

Ardrey of Wimbledon and L/Cpl. R. Crisp of Dulwich Hamlet, might even have won.

CLASSY BROWN

A staggering display of goal-keeping by Ken Brown saved Wycombe more than once. Classy, cool saves by Brown against some fiercely-hit drives earned him the full-throated admiration of Loakes Park fans.

The ever-improving Dave Thomas was another target for the cheers—it was impossible to believe this enthusiastic youngster was just finishing a tough campaign.

Lively Wycombe raider Jack Tomlin flashed Wycombe into a fifth-minute lead when he cleverly evaded goalmouth tackles after being sent running through by Paul Bates.

It was Bates who added goal number two, 75 minutes later, when he headed in Len Worley's high, floating centre.

ESCAPES

Both goals had plenty of escapes as the opposing forwards kept up the pressure, a tenacious Army campaign for the equaliser being thwarted by the vigilant Brown and full backs John Beck and Jim Moring who had to keep a wary eye on fast-running wing-men.

Unanimous Loakes Park opinion: This was one of the best ever Hospital Cup finals.